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Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extension fees that may be due in connection with submission of this Reply to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP119US].

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V. Conclusion

The present application is believed to be condition for allowance in view of the above comments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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